

Program notes

Hunger and Fear Bred Anger is inspired in such a sentence, taken from the book *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939) by John Steinbeck, and dedicated *to all the people who is fighting for bread*. The piece does not have as an objective the literal reflection of the hunger and poverty issue, but it addresses the broader reality of inequality regarding the right of dignity for all people. The work includes three parts, *Hunger and Fear*, *Anger*, and *Hope?*, the last one of them featuring a quotation from a Bach's choral, *Der du bist drei in Einigkeit*, and an excerpt from the text by Steinbeck, recited by the pianist:

The hunger and the fear bred anger... And the comfortable people in tight houses felt pity at first, and then distaste, and finally hatred for them... And the break would never come as long as fear could turn to wrath.